

U.S. citizenship for collectively naturalized individuals

Some individuals are “collectively naturalized” based on when and where they were born. Persons who provide acceptable evidence of citizenship and identity that meets the criteria below for collective naturalization are U.S. citizens. The following will establish U.S. citizenship for collectively naturalized individuals:

Puerto Rico

- Evidence of birth in Puerto Rico on or after April 11, 1899 and the applicants statement that he or she was residing in the U.S., a U.S. possession or Puerto Rico on January 13, 1941; or
- Evidence that the applicant was a Puerto Rican citizen and the applicant’s statement that he or she was residing in Puerto Rico on March 1, 1917 and that he or she did not take an oath of allegiance to Spain.

U.S. Virgin Islands

- Evidence of birth in the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the applicants statement of residence in the U.S., a U.S. possession or the U.S. Virgin Islands on February 25, 1927; or
- The applicants statement indicating residence in the U.S. Virgin Islands as a Danish citizen on January 17, 1917 and residence in the U.S., a U.S. possession or the U.S. Virgin Islands on February 25, 1927, and he or she did not make a declaration to maintain Danish citizenship; or
- Evidence of birth in the U.S. Virgin Islands and the applicant’s statement indicating residence in the U.S., a U.S. possession or territory or the Canal Zone on June 28, 1932.

Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) [formerly part of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI)]

- Evidence of birth in the NMI, TTPI citizenship and residence in the NMI, the U.S., or a U.S. territory or possession on November 3, 1986 (NMI local time) and the applicants statement that he or she did not owe allegiance to a foreign state on November 4, 1986 (NMI local time); or
- Evidence of TTPI citizenship, continuous residence in the NMI since November 3, 1981 (NMI local time), voter registration prior to January 1, 1975 and the applicants statement that he or she did not owe allegiance to a foreign state on November 4, 1986 (NMI local time); or
- Evidence of continuous domicile in the NMI since before January 1, 1974 and the applicant’s statement that he or she did not owe allegiance to a foreign state on November 4, 1986 (NMI local time).

Note: If a person entered the NMI as a nonimmigrant and lived in the NMI since January 1, 1974, this does not constitute continuous domicile and the individual is not a U.S. citizen.

Guam

- Must show evidence of birth in Guam on or after April 10, 1899